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3. After discussion with [redacted] I talked with General Austin W. Betts, Office, Secretary of Defense, GM, in connection with the desire of Secretary McElroy that an Agency representative be included in the proposed briefing scheduled for 10 o'clock on 27 January. The subject of the briefing would be "Missile and Space Activities" and would be presented to the Military Operations Subcommittee of House Government Operations. It is indicated that those present will include the Chairman (Hollifield), Garmatz, Kilgore, Riehlman, Minshall, and Griffin (?). In addition, the following staff men would be present: Roback, Morgan, Ridgely and Carlson. The briefing was expected to last two and one-half to three hours and it was hoped that the intelligence picture could be presented first. General Betts indicated that he had talked personally with Secretary McElroy about this who had suggested that CIA participate. I informed General Betts that there may be some difficulties but that I would discuss the matter with the Director as soon as possible.

4. Talked with Robert Smart to get his reaction to the above situation. He said that if the Committee had suggested that the Agency should be included that probably we should go ahead. If the matter were within the Executive he believed it was pretty much up to the Agency what it wished to do and he had no strong feeling either in the positive or the negative.

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